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### **9/24 - 11/17/09- The Struggle to Save UC- Where Do We Go From Here?**

Across the UC system, faculty, staff and students came out in larger numbers than most people can remember to protest the defunding of UC's academic mission and to resist the proposal to increase student fees an additional 30%. With most other cuts already implemented, momentum is building to stop the fee increases *before* the next regents meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles. Follow this link for a discussion of actions we can take now to stop the fee increase.

<http://ucaft.org/content/924-1117-struggle-save-uc>

### **September 24<sup>th</sup> Media Coverage**

Here's a link to a compilation of media coverage from across the state and beyond.

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2009/09/25/18623200.php>

### **Librarians Ratify T.A. on Furlough Participation**

UC-AFT Librarians voted overwhelmingly to participate in the furlough program after UC negotiators threatened across the board reductions in time, or the use of widespread temporary layoffs as cost saving measures. The furlough began for librarians on October 1, 2009 and it will be effective for one year. Any extension of the program would require additional negotiations with UC-AFT.

### **UC-AFT Launches New System Wide Website**

Please take a few minutes to navigate through our new website. There are pages dedicated to Unit 17, Unit 18, budget information, and much more.

<http://ucaft.org>

### **Big Man on Campus- President Yudof's Interview with the NY Times Magazine**

Here's a link to an interview that UC President Yudof did with the New York Times Magazine on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the same time thousands of UC faculty, staff and students protested in earnest against fee increases and other cuts at UC.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/27/magazine/27fob-q4-t.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/27/magazine/27fob-q4-t.html?_r=1)

### **Big Man on Campus Take 2- An Interview with President Yudof's Alter Ego**

This article contains the real interview (Above) that UC President Yudof did with Deborah Solomon of the N.Y. Times Magazine on September 24th, 2009. It also contains a mock interview with Yudof's alter ego, Alter-Y, a fictional character who answers the interview questions with some deference for the position and title he holds, and some consideration for the importance of the decisions his office is making. Finally, there is a fictional NY Times reader commenting on Yudof's real answers. Please remember that Mark Yudof contributed nothing to Alter-Y's responses in this interview.

<http://ucaft.org/content/interview-yudofs-alter-ego>

### **Know Your Rights- What Can the Union Do for Me?**

With furloughs, workload increases, reductions in time and layoffs, many people are feeling very insecure in their positions at UC. As this year progresses, we can expect a variety of changes in our working lives that will raise questions about our rights, responsibilities, and responses to these changes. Protections provided in our contracts are not always obvious, and there are often multiple ways to address a concern. Please don't hesitate to contact the field representative, steward, or a union officer on your campus if you have any questions or concerns about your employment with UC. Whether or not any formal action is taken to address your concern, a consultation with a UC-AFT representative will be informative for you and the union. Here's a link to contact information for UC-AFT representatives on each campus.

<http://ucaft.org/content/contact-us>

### **Membership**

If you have not already joined the union, please fill out the attached membership form, or download one from our website. You are represented by UC-AFT, but representation and deductions from your pay do not mean that you are automatically a member. You can mail the completed application to the address on the bottom of the form, or contact your local staff for assistance.

<http://ucaft.org/content/join-uc-aft>

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